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Featured Programs

LECTURE: “ROCHESTER—PARADISE PAVED”
December 7, 7:00 p.m., Gleason Works Auditorium, 1000 University Avenue
The Rochester Regional Community Design Center is pleased to announce a special Reshaping Rochester event: the first of its annual Urban Observations lectures featuring local experts and innovators. Suggested donation of $25, tickets can be bought at the door, or on Paypal.

SAVE THE DATE: TOWN HALL MEETING WITH MSNBC’S DYLAN RATIGAN
Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m., location TBA.
The Dylan Ratigan Show, which airs weekdays at 4 p.m. on MSNBC, will kick off a nationwide tour with a town hall meeting on the UR campus to “engage with Americans as they face the economy and tackle the most important question of all—how do we get out of the mess we’re in?” The meeting will feature three panelists, and will provide a forum for students and others to share their perspectives, plans and hopes for the future. Free pizza will be provided! Look for details in the December 12th edition of the Weekly Buzz.

BECOME A ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR FELLOW
Seniors, while you’re enjoying time before the start of your final semester, consider applying to become a Rochester Youth Year Fellow! Whether you are considering taking a year off to increase your community involvement experience before embarking on graduate studies, unsure about what you hope to do after graduation and want to do something meaningful next year, or interested in civic engagement/youth empowerment/non-profit work and are certain that a Bachelor’s degree is enough for you—this AmeriCorps*VISTA program can provide a life-changing opportunity to bring your knowledge to bear by working with the community to improve opportunities for youth and their families. The program is designed especially for graduating seniors from the UR, RIT, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, the College at Brockport, SUNY Geneseo, and Roberts Wesleyan College. After your holiday festivities, visit the Rochester Youth Year website to read more about this opportunity. Contact Kyvaughn Henry for more information on how to apply or with any questions you might have.

UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER URBAN FELLOWS
Wednesday, December 8, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Wilson Commons 122
The Rochester Urban Fellows program is currently seeking applicants for summer 2011. The Urban Fellows Program emphasizes civic engagement, promotes learning about urban issues, and encourages a celebration and appreciation for cross-cultural issues and urban life. During this unique 10-week program, fellows receive stipends of $2,000 for their work with community-based organizations in the Rochester community. In addition to their internship, fellows participate in urban issues seminars, community activities, and an end-of-summer symposium. Interested students are invited to attend an information session on. Please contact Patricia Waters in the RCCL for more information.

Community Leadership Opportunities

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT SUMMIT
The Global Engagement Summit (GES) is a five-day training conference for students committed to global change. It takes place at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL. Delegates come together to understand the challenges of and opportunities for their engagement; to hone the skills and mindsets that will enable them to better plan, execute, and participate in change-based projects; and to connect with like-minded peers from around the world. In the past, the Summit has involved undergraduates and recent graduates from over 40 countries, 80 colleges and universities, and invited more than 50 global nonprofits for five days of exchange and capacity-building. Visit the http://www.theges.org/ website or email american@theges.org with questions.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT MARY’S PLACE
Mary’s Place is an outreach ministry serving the refugee population of all faiths and nationalities, primarily living in the Maplewood-Edgerton neighborhoods of Rochester. Since its inception in 2009, Mary’s place has served more than 300 families, providing them with clothing, counseling (bills, health, jobs, and nutrition), tutoring and light household goods and some food. The goal is to help refugee families driven from their homeland to find a sense of hope and normalcy in our community. Mary’s Place offers unpaid, competitive internship opportunities for students, reporting directly to the Director of Mary’s Place and working closely with staff and other volunteers in running the Center’s programs for refugee clients. Three distinct opportunities are available: outreach and program coordinator; computer language lab; and adult education. For more information, contact the Director, Kathy LaBue, or visit the website.

“URBAN BY CHOICE” PORCH BANNER DESIGN CONTEST
Deadline: Monday, January 24, 2011.
The 19th Ward Community Association is seeking original art work to produce a porch banner. The ideal work will incorporate the “urban by choice” service mark and themes of community, as well as cultural, economic, ethnic, religious, and racial diversity. The primary objectives of this project are to celebrate the 19WCA’s 45th Anniversary, to continue its campaign to promote the positive aspects of city living, and to beautify the 19th ward. For more contest information, go to the Community Association’s website.

VISTA ANTI-HUNGER EMPOWERMENT CORPS MEMBER
Foodlink is recruiting two individuals to serve locally as AmeriCorps*VISTA Anti-Hunger Empowerment Corps members. These VISTA positions, Benefits Outreach Coordinator and Nutrition Outreach Coordinator, will support Foodlink’s mission to provide hunger relief, eliminate the root causes of hunger, improve health and promote economic development in Rochester. These are full-time positions for individuals who have completed their undergraduate degree. Applicants must apply and submit all required materials for the Anti-Hunger Empowerment Corps positions directly to the AmeriCorps*VISTA website at my.americorps.gov. In order to be considered, applicants must also submit a cover letter and resume directly to Foodlink. Please send materials and any questions to Julia Tedesco at Foodlink.

THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION CAMPUS CLIMATE FELOWSHIP
The National Wildlife Federation is accepting applications for its 2011 Campus Climate Fellowships. “National Wildlife Federation’s Campus Ecology Fellows confront global warming on their campuses and help to educate and engage the campus community on global warming impacts and solutions. NWF Fellowships allow students
to pursue their vision of an ecologically sustainable future through tangible projects to confront global warming on campus and in the community. Fellows gain practical experience in the conservation field and first-hand knowledge of the challenges and opportunities inherent in successful conservation efforts."

**SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD**

Deadline: January 18, 2011.

The [Samuel Huntington Public Service Award](#) provides $10,000 for a one-year public service project. Students are encouraged to develop their own proposals for public service in this country or abroad. The proposal may encompass any activity that furthers the public good. It can be undertaken by the student alone or working through established charitable, religious, educational, governmental or other public service organizations. All applicants must be graduating from a U.S. college or university. Applications should be addressed to Amy F. Stacy, The Samuel Huntington Fund, 40 Sylvan Road. Waltham, MA 02451. For more information visit the website.

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**Leadership Tip of the Month**

**TAKING TIME TO RE-CENTER**

Leadership entails involvement in the community. Whether that’s the on-campus community, the Rochester community, your study abroad host site, or some other community, you will often find yourself pulled in many—sometimes conflicting—directions at once. Keep in mind that effective leadership requires individual integrity, which means that you need to take time out to restore yourself, re-focus on your own identity, and renew your commitment to the community. Here are some ideas for how to accomplish this.

1. Establish a regular exercise schedule. Whether outdoors or in the fitness room at Goergen, physical activity can provide your mind and body with a useful opportunity to re-focus.

2. The Interfaith Chapel and its faith communities provide space and various opportunities for meditation, prayer, and quiet time.

3. The M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non-violence sponsors activities that can help provide context to help you make sense of your place in the community.

4. Listen to some of your favorite music. Better yet, if you have musical skills, play an instrument or sing in one of the music rehearsal rooms on campus.

5. Keep a journal. Writing for 10-15 minutes a day can afford you with valuable time for reflection. The primary audience for your journal should be your future self. Blogging or Facebooking is not the same, as those media have an external audience.

6. Visit the top floor of the stacks in Rush Rhees and get some perspective on the UR and Rochester.

7. Take a walk along the beautiful Genesee River! The cadence of the human gait is a natural rhythm that can clear your mind and restore your soul.

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**About the Rochester Center for Community Leadership**

The [Rochester Center for Community Leadership](#) is part of the office of the Dean of Students at the University of Rochester. Its mission is to educate students to become engaged citizens and leaders capable of effecting positive social change in their communities.